

City of Tempe

Tempe City Council Summit: Strategic Planning Input Session

On October 6, 2011, the Tempe City Council held their annual Summit, where they identified and prioritized a number of Tempe attributes, trends and challenges. This was accomplished through a facilitated session using individual laptops where Council's ideas, brainstorming, assessments and rankings were electronically summarized and tallied. The attached report includes all Tempe City Council generated ideas from the Summit.

During the Summit, the Tempe City Council identified eleven strategic priorities to guide Tempe over the next three to five years:

1. **LONG TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY:** That we put the processes in place to create a truly sustainable financial/budget model for our city that can weather the storm and still support our needed growth

2. **NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT:** A recognition that the quality of our neighborhoods (including all neighborhood amenities) are a critical component of our community and are safe and desirable

3. **EFFECTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE:** Systematic planning and update of our core infrastructure to support city services and growth for the future

4. **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Focus on attracting and retaining the right businesses, developing a skilled workforce, and having the right diversity of businesses for Tempe

5. **TOWN LAKE DEVELOPMENT AND DOWNTOWN CONNECTIVITY:** Full development of the town lake potential with great connectivity to downtown Tempe and regional parks

6. **OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Accountability measurement in place to measure operational efficiencies, effectiveness and sustainability for all programs and operations

7. **ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE:** A truly regional and multi-modal system for Tempe

8. **IMPLEMENTATION ALIGNMENT:** That our defined and communicated strategies are clearly aligned with the ability of our staffs and operations to implement those strategies

9. **REGIONAL LEVERAGE:** That we act as a leader and a strong team player on issues that affect our regional cities and communities

10. **EDUCATION AS A PRIORITY:** Tempe fosters an environment for maximizing outstanding educational outcomes and lifelong learning.

11. **LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY:** As a city we are not only deploying new technologies and systems but we are making advanced technology a priority for our citizens and businesses

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11 Council Strategic Priorities, Grouped

A NEIGHBORHOOD AND EDUCATION STRATEGIC PRIORITY GROUP	B FINANCE AND EFFECTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PRIORITY GROUP	C ECONOMIC, LAKE, DOWNTOWN, AND ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PRIORITY GROUP
<p>PRIORITY #2: Neighborhood Enhancement</p> <p>PRIORITY #10: Education as a Priority</p>	<p>PRIORITY #1: Long-Term Financial Sustainability</p> <p>PRIORITY #3: Effective Infrastructure</p> <p>PRIORITY #6: Operational Sustainability and Accountability</p> <p>PRIORITY #8: Implementation Alignment</p> <p>PRIORITY #11: Leverage Technology</p>	<p>PRIORITY #4: Sustainable Economic Development</p> <p>PRIORITY #5: Town Lake Development and Downtown Connectivity</p> <p>PRIORITY #7: Advanced Transportation Infrastructure</p> <p>PRIORITY #9: Regional Leverage</p>